

Application Number 10/657,867
Amendment dated April 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2006

REMARKS

Non-elected claims 11-20 are cancelled without prejudice to their being prosecuted in a divisional application.

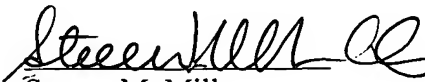
The Applicant notes that the Office Action indicates at page 8, paragraphs 8 and 9, that claims 21-28 are allowed and that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ryum, *et al.* (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0058388) in view of Arai (U.S. Publication Number 2004/023526). Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ryum, *et al.* in view of Arai and Kameyama, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,183,768). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ryum, *et al.* in view of Arai and Josquin, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,023,192). Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ryum, *et al.* in view of Arai and Ryum, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,798,277 - hereinafter Ryum '277). Claims 1-10 are cancelled. In view of the amendments to the claims, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all claims pending in the application (claims 21-28) are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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